

Commercial and Industrial Buildings,

Farley and Loetscher Manufacturing
Company, Powerhouse
Eighth and Jackson Streets
Dubuque
Dubuque County
Iowa

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Site Location: Eighth and Jackson Streets
Dubuque, Dubuque County, Iowa
DOT designation: Resource Site No. 8.11
Cadastral grid : SE1/4 SE1/4 S24 T89N R2E
USGS quadrangle: Dubuque South Iowa 7.5'
UTM coordinates: 15.692020.4707980
Lot description: City Lots 402 and 403

Present Owner: Jen-Weld, Inc.
Present Usage: powerhouse
Present Condition : good

Overall Dimensions: 48'x 102'; two stories

Orientation : west

Architectural Plan type : rectangular; 2-story open plan factory.

Description : Foundation: reinforced concrete perimeter walls.
Structure : steel frame with masonry bearing walls.
Ext. walls: common red brick laid in common bond.
Roof : flat composition roof with brick parapet walls.
Chimneys : variety of cylindrical steel stacks.
Windows : elongated multi-light steel industrial sash
with loose lintels and concrete slip sills.
Openings : double-leaf main entrance centered on front;
sectional garage doors on side and rear.
Details : none.

Construction Date : 1948

Architecture Style: 20th Century Functional

Physical History : The Farley and Loetscher Company, a sash, door and blind manufacturer, acquired this property adjacent to its factory about 1890. The firm used the land as an open-air lumber storage yard until building this large powerhouse in 1948 for approximately \$60,000. Purely functional in design, the building remains unaltered.

Significance: The Farley and Loetscher Manufacturing Company is important as one of Dubuque's largest early woodworking firms. This building is thus historically significant in its association with the company, although its 1948 construction date places it late in the milieu of the company's development. Architecturally, the building is a nondescript masonry envelope built to enclose power generating equipment.

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